



Practitioner's Docket No. 17396/09015

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Maurice De Billot, et al. Confirmation No.: 8087
Application No.: 10/026,301 Group No.: 1616
Filed: 12/19/2001 Examiner: Alton N. Pryor

For: METHOD OF IMPROVING YIELD AND
VIGOR OF PLANTS

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one (1) month to file a response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2007.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>
One (1) month	\$120.00

Fee: \$120.00

5. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request	\$120.00
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6. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on December 5, 2007.

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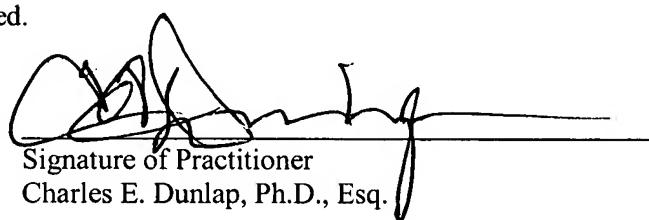
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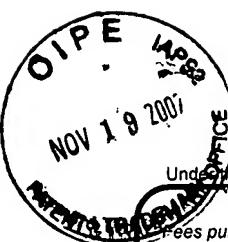
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

120.00

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/026,301 Conf. No. 8087
Filing Date	December 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Maurice R. De Billot et al.
Examiner Name	Alton N. Pryor
Art Unit	1616
Attorney Docket No.	17396/09015

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) Fee (\$) Small EntityEach independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) Fee (\$) Small EntityMultiple dependent claims Fee (\$) Small Entity

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=				

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
- 3 or HP =	x	=			

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

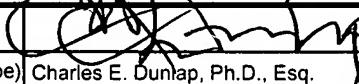
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Government fee for one (1) month extension of time\$120.00**SUBMITTED BY**

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Name (Print/Type) Charles E. Dunlap, Ph.D., Esq.		Date 11/15/2007

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